



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re Application of DEBINSKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/075,823

Examiner: Phuong Huynh

Date Filed: February 12, 2002

Group: 1644

For: VEGF-D EXPRESSION IN BRAIN CANCER

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is in reply to the office action dated January 12, 2004 (the "Office Action").

REMARKS

Election/Restriction

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement and required election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

1. Claims 2-8 drawn to a method for detecting a cancer in a brain tissue by analyzing the brain tissue sample for a VEGF-D nucleic acid marker using VEGF-D nucleic acid, or RNA, classified in Class 435, subclass 6.
2. Claims 9-18, drawn to a method for detecting a cancer in a brain tissue by analyzing the brain tissue sample for a VEGF-D protein marker using a probe that



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing the following:


- ☒ Response
- ☒ Petition for Retroactive Extension of Time
- ☒ One postcard.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 15, 2004

  
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